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SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION OF NEW EMBASSY COMPLEX

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1. IN REPLY TO EMBASSY LETTER CONTAINED REFTEL (A) TRANSMITTING PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR NEW EMBASSY COMPLEX CONTAINED IN REFTEL (B), SOVIETS (UPDK) SENT EMBASSY FOLLOWING NOTE DATED OCTOBER 15: QUOTE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DECISION BY THE MOSCOW CITY AUTHORITIES, REMOVAL OF THE TWO BUILDINGS REMAINING ON THE PLOT OF LAND ON KONYUSHKOVSKAYA STREET WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE END OF THE CURRENT YEAR. THE CITY AUTHORITIES ASCRIBE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE CITY PLANNING ASPECTS OF CONSTRUCTION IN THE AREA IN WHICH THE EMBASSY OF THE USA BUILDING IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED. THEY THEREFORE WOULD LIKE, AS A PRELIMINARY MEASURE, TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES CLOSELY WITH THE PLANS THE AMERICAN ARCHITECTS HAVE DRAWN UP BEFORE THE ARCHITECTS' ARRIVAL, IN ORDER TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR A MORE FRUITFUL DISCUSSION OF THE PROJECT. AT THE SAME TIME IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE AMERICAN SIDE TO TRANSMIT TO THE SOVIET SIDE, ALONG WITH ASPECTS OF THE PRELIMINARY PLANS, DATA ON THE PUBLIC UTILITY NEEDS OF THE PLANNED BUILDINGS OF THE EMBASSY OF THE USA, INCLUDING HEATING ELECTRICAL, WATER, GAS, DRAINAGE AND OTHER SERVICES. END QUOTE

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2. SINCE NOTE IS SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS, EMBASSY
CONTACTED UPDK BY PHONE AND WAS INFORMED BY UPDK
REP BALOV THAT SOVIETS INTENDED NOTE TO TRANSMIT
THEIR GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF PROCEDURE SUGGESTED IN
REFTEL (B), WITH EXCEPTION THAT PRELIMINARY PLANS
DESCRIBED IN SECTION III, PARA 2A, SUBPARAS (A) AND
(B) SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO UPDK "10 TO 15 WORKING
DAYS" BEFORE ARRIVAL OF ARCHITECT TEAM. BALOV ALSO
EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION ON PUBLIC
UTILITIES REFERRED TO LAST LINE OF NOTE AND URGED
TIMELY TRANSMISSION OF THIS INFORMATION TO UPDK.
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